

TWELVE MONTHS FOR NON-SUPPORT

John A. Griffin Given the Full Penalty of the Law.

WIFE MAKES PATHETIC SCENE

Two Women Nearly Suffocated in the Smoke of a Fire in Five-Story Building.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., December 16.—On charges of desertion and non-support, brought against him by his wife, John A. Griffin was given twelve months in jail, the maximum penalty, by a jury in the Corporation Court to-day. Mrs. Griffin, poorly clad, presented a pitiful appearance when compared to the flashy get-up of her recent spouse, and the story she told made a sensation among the masculine crowd that is accustomed to hearing seamy things in Norfolk courts.

With tears streaming down her haggard cheeks, the wife describing the manner her husband had treated her, and finally confronted him with the statement that he was supporting a woman in handsome style and allowing her to go hungry. The woman in question was divorced by her husband some time ago, and Griffin was the co-respondent in the case, it developing that he had taken her on a trip to Atlantic City.

Mrs. Griffin declared her husband was a gambler, and that when she married him he posed as a "broker."

Unless Griffin agrees to allow his wife a stipulated amount, which will be settled upon to-morrow, he will likely spend the next year behind the bars.

NEARLY SUFFOCATED.

Two women were nearly suffocated by smoke during a fire in the five-story furniture block of John Willis, Jr., Main and Church Streets. They were working on the fifth floor, and the fire was in the basement. Before they could reach the street by way of the elevator they had almost collapsed.

The stock in the store was damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars by smoke.

LEGAL FIGHT FOR CHILDREN.

Two little girls, respectively six and seven years old, are the innocent and unconscious objects of a legal encounter which is being fought to a finish in the Norfolk courts.

When Eva and Naomi Mansfield were respectively three and four years old, their mother, the wife of William E. Mansfield, and the sister of Joseph E. Mansfield, died. The children were left to be cared for by Mr. Pentress. Pentress claims that Mr. Mansfield gave him the children to raise. He had no children of his own, and his wife and he soon came to love them as if they had been their own.

One Sunday in the summer of 1902 Mansfield came from Richmond, where he had obtained employment, to see his children at their uncle's home, in Norfolk. He took them for an outing to Ocean View and stayed later than he had intended. When he got back to Norfolk it was too late to go by the Pentress home to leave the children and also catch his train, so Mansfield took the children to the home of a member of his immediate family, explained the situation, and asked that the children be kept there that night and returned to their uncle in the morning, which was done.

It can readily be imagined that Mr. and Mrs. Pentress passed a wretched night. Their natural supposition was that Mansfield had spirited the babies away.

Not many days after Mr. Pentress brought suit in chancery, claiming that the father of the children was not a proper person to have them in custody.

Judge Mason, on complaint of Mr. Pentress, issued an enjoining order restraining Mansfield from interfering with the possession of the children. The injunction was never served, but Mansfield retained counsel and proceeded to take depositions.

He was rearrested about a year ago and is now living at Port Norfolk, where he has a permanent home and employment as a foreman for a prominent contractor and builder. Several weeks ago he renewed the efforts to recover his children, by filing a petition of habeas corpus, which was granted by Judge Hancock in the Corporation Court, and will be heard on its merits December 23th.

CAROLINE COURT.

Murder Case Against Linwood Cammack Was Dismissed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BOWLING GREEN, VA., December 16.—The Circuit Court adjourned Wednesday, after having been in session three days. Several cases were continued until the next term. Twenty-five decrees in chancery were entered. In the case against Linwood Cammack, for murder, a nolle prosequi was entered, as the only witness in the case had committed a crime and had left for parts unknown.

Hon. John E. Mason, judge of the court, has appointed A. B. Marshall, assessor of land for Bowling Green District; Newton Collman for Port Royal District; Wesley Wright for Rudy Church District; and W. A. Woolfolk for Madison District.

Lewis Garrett has left for Sharp's Wharf, where he has a position in a store.

Mrs. R. O. Pentress, who has been in the mountains for several months for her health, has returned home.

Mr. Levi Smith spent several days here.

DANGEROUS SEASON

One Reason Why Sickness Increases at This Time of Year.

One reason why there is much more sickness at this time of the year than at any other is explained by physicians, who say that the thousands who visit the stores in search of Christmas gifts are exposed to conditions and changes of temperature that result in colds and more serious ailments.

A person whose health is not rugged enough to take the germs of all kinds likely to be in the air of the crowded and suffocating stores—they lack vital force to fight off and overcome the disease germs.

Wines and Liquors for Xmas.

Catawba Wine, per quart.....	12c
Blackberry Wine, per quart.....	12c
Quart bottle Imported Port Wine.....	35c
Quart bottle Sherry Wine, Imported.....	35c
Quart bottle Smart Set Whiskey.....	75c
Quart bottle Gin, Imported.....	75c
Caspar Pepper, Gibson of Mt. Vernon Old Rye Whiskey, quart bottle.....	75c
California Sherry Wine, per gallon.....	80c
Imported Sherry Wine.....	80c
Port Wine, per gallon.....	80c
Claret Wines, per bottle, Imported.....	25c
Rye Whiskey, per gallon.....	1.50
Old Rye Whiskey, 4 years old.....	2.40
Old Rye Whiskey, 5 years old.....	2.40
Old Rye Whiskey, 6 years old.....	2.40
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Old Rye Whiskey, 50 years old.....	2.40

S. ULLMAN'S SON,

Main-Street Stores, 1820-1822 East Main Street; Marshall-Street Store, 506 E. Marshall Street.

this week on a hunting trip, as the guest of his friend, Mr. C. E. Knopf.

JOKE ON UNDERTAKER.

How a Rat Got His Foot in It and Punished the Punishers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

COMON, VA., December 16.—Undertaker R. L. Clare, at Cash Corner, some three miles from this place, is having a peck of trouble with a big rat. Soon after Mr. Clare and wife moved into his handsome new residence a short time ago, the house was invaded by mice, and the usual remedy of "setting" mouse traps was resorted to. Some nights ago, a big barn rat was inspecting the traps, when it stepped in a mouse trap, which closed tightly on one of its feet. In some mysterious way, the rat, with trap attached, got between the ceiling and weather-boarding of the house; and, ever since, its constant galloping from one end of the building to the other, with that high, scolding cry, has been a source of annoyance to the family. The walls and timbers, have made refreshing sleep and pleasant dreams altogether out of the question at the Clare home. Clare is fond of fun and likes a joke under ordinary circumstances; but the fellow who mentions "rats" or "mouse traps" in his presence now, does so at his own peril.

HALIFAX POLITICS.

Candidates Announced for the House and Senate.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SOUTH DORSET, VA., December 16.—Mr. W. H. Carrington, a prominent farmer, south of Dan, has announced that he is a candidate for the Legislature. Mr. M. B. Booker, of the law firm of Hill, Barksdale and Booker, of this place, has also announced his intention to run for the office. The many friends of Hon. R. R. Noblin are urging him to announce himself a candidate for the Senate to succeed Senator William P. Barksdale, who it is said will not stand for re-election. Mr. Noblin is at present a member of the Town Council, and has had considerable experience, having served two terms to the General Assembly from 1881 to 1888.

Senator Barksdale has not decided as yet what he will do in regard to entering the field for Lieutenant-Governor.

CHESTERFIELD COURT.

Judge Watson Appoints Land Assessors for the County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHESTERFIELD, VA., December 16.—Judge Watson held a special term of court for a few hours here to-day, allowing some claims against the Commonwealth which had accumulated in the clerk's office. An order was entered appointing Captain David Moore assessor of lands for No. 1 commissioner's district, including Manchester, Middleburg, and Bermuda magisterial districts. Mr. John A. Lester was appointed assistant assessor for the same district. Mr. John S. Taylor has already been appointed as assessor for No. 2 district, and has qualified for office. Who was quite sick yesterday, is very much improved to-day. Charles Jackson (colored) was sent to jail to-day for thirty days on the charge of embezzling twenty-five cents from his employer.

Three Weddings.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HEATHSVILLE, VA., December 16.—Three quiet wedding ceremonies were performed by Rev. Dr. George W. Beale at the Baptist parsonage here Wednesday afternoon. The first, Mr. Thomas H. Dameron and Miss Sarah E. Anderson, of the town of Heathsville, Middleburg, lower Northumberland county.

At the same time, Mr. Walter R. Bevis and Miss Janie Lewis were married. Mr. Bevis is a well known and prosperous young farmer, residing just below Heathsville; Miss Lewis is of lower Northumberland.

A few minutes later, Mr. James V. Valandingham and Miss Agnes Newsum were married. The latter couple are from upper Northumberland, and are very prominent in the social circles of that section.

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The circular sent out by the senior committee to the parents of the junior on December 13th, was drawn up with the sole purpose of making the homecoming of the juniors more pleasant than might otherwise have been the case, and with the idea of reassuring their parents, that whatever was in our power to do to bring back the class would be done. It expressed our sentiments at the time, but since later developments, we can see that we acted without being in full possession of the facts, which action we regret, has been taken, and (take this means to let our mistake be known. We also regret that the papers of the State have misinterpreted our true stand in the matter.

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AN INJUNCTION MADE PERPETUAL

Ruling by the Court Against the Corporation Commission.

CHARGED WITH WIFE MURDER

The State Fair Committee Report a Balance of \$8,000 on Hand.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., December 16.—A temporary injunction against the North Carolina Corporation Commission and the Greensboro Ice and Coal Company was made perpetual to-day by Judge Purnell, of the Federal Court, in an opinion handed down in a suit brought by the Southern Railway to stop the two defendants from bridging suits against them for penalties and damages for the refusal of the Southern to place cars of coal consigned to the Greensboro Company on their private siding, the refusal being on the ground that no further cars would be placed on private sidings until certain disputed claims for demurrage for past placing of cars was paid. The right of the Corporation Commission to force a railroad to deliver cars under such circumstances, and the right of the court rules that they have no such right, whereas in this case the cars are brought from other States, they being interstate commerce.

Reports submitted to the State Fair Executive Committee to-day show \$8,000 balance in the treasury, after all expenses of the recent fair are paid and affairs in excellent condition.

A handsome silver service was presented to President Ashley Horne.

WIFE MURDER.

Lewis Jones, a white man, about fifty years of age, is in jail at Vaneboro, charged with the murder of his wife. It developed at the coroner's inquest yesterday that Jones had been drinking heavily; that on Wednesday he and his wife were in a quarrel, and that on the following morning he reported her dead.

An investigation was at once demanded, and the result was a finding of finger prints upon the woman's throat and marks of blows upon her body. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Mrs. Jones had come to her death by strangulation and other maltreatment. The arrest of her husband immediately followed.

As yet he has made no statement.

CO-RECEIVER.

Judge Purnell, in the Federal Court, has appointed Captain V. M. McBee as a co-receiver for the Carolina Northern Railroad, of which W. J. Edwards is the original receiver. The road is to be sold at auction in January. Edwards has returned to the coast, fifteen of the receiver's certificates that have been issued to him and concerning which some question had been made as to the disposition of them. They are for \$1,000 each.

The annual report of Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young, just issued, shows that State property valued at \$5,100,000, insured for \$27,737,371. Of this property, the Capital, valued at \$500,000, has no insurance, and the remainder, valued at \$4,600,000, is insured for \$27,237,371.

He says there is every indication of decided progress being made in development of business by North Carolina insurance companies, both life and fire.

Charles C. Jones to-day paid in full the bill of costs amounting to \$35 in the case in which he was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years after receiving and selling postage stamps, knowing them to be stolen, the sentence having been changed to payment of a fine and costs.

PROFESSOR.

It is understood that Associate Justice Montgomery, of the Supreme Court, who retires from the bench in January, is to be elected professor of law at Wake Forest College to succeed S. F. Mordine, who has been elected dean of law at Trinity College.

The Bank of Southport was chartered to-day with \$500 capital subscribed, and \$20,000 authorized. The principal incorporator is D. I. Watson. Southport is a growing town at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, below Wilmington.

The Grantham Real Estate Agency of Wilson is chartered with \$20,000 capital to do a general real estate agency.

Governor Aycock has accepted an invitation to deliver an address before the Teachers' Assembly, of Louisiana, at Lafayette, December 28th.

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Rheumacide

CURES RHEUMATISM TO STAY CURED!

Absolute Cure at Last.

After years of experiment and a study of the defects of other medicines on the market, this new remedy was discovered—an absolute cure for Rheumatism. Oils and liniments give only temporary relief from pain; preparations that contain mercury, opiates or alcohol may for a time relieve the pain, but they severely injure the entire system. The new remedy for Rheumatism.

My little girl suffered terribly. The attending physician said it was Rheumatism. It first affected her left limb, and gradually went to her side and affected her heart, which brought on St. Vitus' dance. She could be heard screaming for a block, and would then lie in a stupor. She did not improve under the physicians' care, and her mother and I gave up all hope. I then tried a bottle of your medicine, and she is now running around and going to school the same as any other child.

I tell you my experience with your medicine in the hope that some one else suffering with Rheumatism will be benefited. Anyone is at liberty to inquire at my address and verify this statement.

Yours respectfully,
GEO. B. COOLEY.

No. 1717 North Port Street.

Hundreds of Bad Cases Cured

Mr. Cooley's testimony is borne out by hundreds of others who had terrible cases of Rheumatism and who write that they are entirely cured.

The former letters sent out by the same senior committee.

The faculty has already received application for reinstatement from about eight or ten juniors, and this afternoon a committee of five professors was appointed to work out and recommend to

CLAIMS THE BILL MAY PASS

General Lee Much Encouraged at Prospect for Jamestown Celebration.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16.—There is a good reason to believe that the river and harbor bill, and the bill making appropriations for public buildings will be larger than was expected earlier in the session of Congress. It has developed that there is a considerable portion of the House and the Senate as well, who are opposed to making such liberal appropriation to the navy, while the appropriations proposed for the erection of public buildings and the improvement of waterways, are so small as to be penurious. It is said that Speaker Cannon does not expect the public building bill to carry more than \$5,000,000, while the total of appropriations for river and harbor improvement, he thinks, should not be greater than \$10,000,000. The Secretary of the Navy asked for \$12,000,000 for the navy, and it is understood that the Committee on Appropriations has not cut it a great deal.

It has not been difficult to stir up a strong sentiment in favor of cutting the naval appropriation and increasing the amounts to be spent on public buildings and rivers and harbors. Whether this sentiment will accomplish a great deal remains to be seen.

Omnibus Claims Bill.

The Committee on Claims is engaged in the preparation of an omnibus claims bill, which will be introduced soon. It is thought that the bill will pass, though a contrary opinion prevailed a short time ago. Among the items in the bill as far as agreed on are the celebrated "rent claims" of Richmond citizens, growing out of the occupancy of their buildings by United States troops after the end of the war.

The Senate adjourned to-day until Monday at noon, and it is understood that on that day adjournment will be taken until Wednesday, when adjournment will be taken until the 4th of January. Little or nothing has been accomplished in the way of legislation thus far, though one month of the session has gone. It is believed that there will be no general legislative session, and that no action will be taken on any of the measures in which the general public is interested. The passage of appropriation bills will be about all that Congress will have done when the 4th of March arrives.

General Lee Encouraged.

General Fitzhugh Lee, president of the Jamestown Exposition company, and Mr. S. Gordon Cunningham, of Hampton, chairman of the Legislative Committee of the company, were at the Capitol to-day. Mr. Cunningham only came last night, but General Lee has been here several days. Both gentlemen are greatly pleased at the prospect of getting a good appropriation for the celebration of the Jamestown Tercentenary. There is little doubt that the committee will recommend that a considerable sum be expended in celebrating the event, though it is not certain that it will recommend that there be an exposition. Indeed, there is small prospect of there being an exposition, unless the friends of the celebration recommending that the celebration take some other form, for it is not thought that it will recommend an exposition.

General Lee and General Charles L. Fitzhugh, both retired officers of the United States army, stop at the Shoreham. They were in the dining room of the hotel the other evening, when General Fitzhugh effected an introduction.

"I have met you before, General," said General Fitzhugh. "But it was a long time ago, when I commanded a battery down in Virginia, and you and your boys in gray took it away from me at Reams Station. You may remember the row we had about it."

"I remember it very well," said General Lee. "I assure you that if it were in my power I would return the battery, but it has passed out of my possession."

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